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Security Council

10 a.m.	6047th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East	
	Letter dated 2 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/752)	
Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Middle East (Lebanon) (S/2008/752)[2]	
	Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2008/773)	
	Liberia (S/2008/785)	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Great Lakes region	
	Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6047th meeting.
[2] With a view to a formal meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 18 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/63/544, A/63/535 and A/63/606) . . . . . [148]

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/63/546, A/63/546/Corr.1 and A/63/602) . . . . . [139]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 148 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/63/544, A/63/535 and A/63/606)); and 139 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/63/546, A/63/546/Corr.1 and A/63/602))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/63/593); and Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 3 and 32, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad (A/62/828 and A/63/601))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 17 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting *today*, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Global seminar on "Languages matter! Linguistic diversity, globalization and development", on the occasion of the International Year of Languages (2008) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rodney Pascual, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-2363; e-mail pascual@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in public-private partnership for development"

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in disaster-risk reduction and climate change"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (year-end press conference)

12.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact Office (on current trends and developments in the corporate responsibility arena, particularly in the context of the financial crisis and the subsequent economic downturn)

1.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Daniel Bellemare, Commissioner of the International Independent Investigation Commission for Lebanon (following the consultations of the whole of the Security Council on the Commission)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 18 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 70th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: draft resolution (A/63/L.58)[1] . . . . . [104 (b)]
2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/63/423) . . . . . [39]
3. Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/63/424) . . . . . [55]
4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/63/425) . . . . . [56]
5. Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/63/435/Add.1) [58]
6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/63/426) . . . . . [60]
7. Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/63/427) . . . . . [61]
8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/428) . . . . . [62]
9. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/429) [63]
10. Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430) [64]
    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.1)
    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.2)[1]
    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.3)
    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.4)
    (e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.5)
11. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/63/431) [97]
12. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/63/432) . . . . . [98]
13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/63/433) . . . . . [110]
14. Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/63/434) . . . . . [119]

[1] To be issued.

3 p.m. . . . . 71st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.57) . . . . . [48]

2. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.55) . . . . . [45]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Thursday, 18 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Briefing by the Secretariat to the Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 19 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Asian Group

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Global seminar on "Languages matter! Linguistic diversity, globalization and development", on the occasion of the International Year of Languages (2008) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rodney Pascual, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-2363; e-mail pascual@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Thursday, 18 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Principles into action: Ten years of the Guiding Principles on International Displacement", to mark the launching of a new global campaign (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Egloff, OCHA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8268; e-mail egloffp@un.org); or Mr. Scott Garth, OCHA (tel. 1 (917) 367-8254; e-mail garth@un.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Gabon, the Netherlands and Norway)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nabila Habbida, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (646) 839-6659; e-mail nabila.habbida@diplomatie.gouv.fr); or Ms. Floor Boekhorst, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-5738; e-mail floor.boekhorst@minbuza.nl).]

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

Security Council

6045th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/787, submitted by the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. The Right Honourable David Miliband, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and H.E. Mr. He Yafei, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, and by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Viet Nam, South Africa, Costa Rica, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Panama, Belgium and Italy.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/787) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/787) received 14 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention and was adopted as resolution 1850 (2008).

6046th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Liberia, Norway, Somalia, Sweden, Turkey and Yemen, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, at the request of the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Yahya Mahmasani, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, at the request of the representative of South Africa, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Ramtame Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/789, submitted by Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Liberia, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Spain and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/789) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/789) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1851 (2008).

Following the vote, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. The Right Honourable David Miliband, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and H.E. Mr. He Yafei, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, and by the representatives of Indonesia, Viet Nam and Costa Rica.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and by the representatives of Italy, Indonesia, Belgium, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, France, Costa Rica, Burkina Faso, Viet Nam and Panama, and by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ali Ahmed Jama, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H.E. Mr. Konstantinos Tasoulas, Deputy Minister for Defence of Greece, and by the representatives of Norway, Turkey, Sweden, Germany, Denmark, Yemen, Egypt and India.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Mahmasani and H.E. Mr. Lamamra.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/62/828).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/593 and A/63/601).

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Japan, Qatar, the United States, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Norway and Turkmenistan (on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council would begin on that day, Tuesday, 16 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Yuliana Georgieva (Bulgaria).

Other matters

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

19th meeting

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General . . . . . [1]

The Meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Ngonlardje Mbaidjol, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairperson . . . . . [2]

The representative of Senegal made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai (Thailand) was elected as Chairman of the Meeting, by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CRC/SP/39) as its agenda.

Election of other officers of the Meeting . . . . . [4]

The Meeting unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Leslie Kojo Christian (Ghana), Mr. Asif Garayev (Azerbaijan) and Ms. Dianela Pi (Uruguay) as Vice-Chairpersons.

Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155) . . . . . [5]

The following candidates were elected after the first ballot as members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to serve from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013: Mr. Jean Zermatten (Switzerland), Ms. Yanghee Lee (Republic of Korea), Mr. Awich Pollar (Uganda), Mr. Sanphasit Koompraphant (Thailand) and Ms. Marta Maurás Pérez (Chile).

20th meeting

The following candidates were elected after the second (first restricted) ballot to serve as members of the Committee of the Rights of the Child from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013: Ms. Hadeel Al-Asmar (Syrian Arab Republic) and Mr. Peter Guran (Slovakia).

The following candidates were elected after the third (second restricted) ballot to serve as member of the Committee of the Rights of the Child from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013: Ms. Susana Villarán de la Puente (Peru) and Ms. Kamla Devi Varmah (Mauritius).

Other matters . . . . . [6]

No statements were made under this item.

The twelfth Meeting of the States Parties was then declared closed.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Signature: Bahamas (16 December 2008)

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Accession: Mozambique (10 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

[redacted]

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-second session
A/62/4/Corr.1 (Supp)	Report of the International Court of Justice [F (only)]

General Assembly	Documents
	Sixty-third session
A/63/414/Add.3	Item 49 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/416/Add.5	Item 51 (c) — Globalization and interdependence: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/425	Item 56 — Advancement of women — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/426	Item 60 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/428	Item 62 — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/429	Item 63 — Right of peoples to self-determination — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
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